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Re Patent Application of Hall et al.
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Please note a change in the Real Party in Interest section in the BRIEF FOR APPELLANT filed on September 27, 2001, as follows:

The real party in interest is the entity of the inventors of this application, Richard H. Hall and Theodore W. Selby.

The BRIEF had stated that only Dr. Hall was the real party in interest. In a discussion of this December 28th between Dr. Hall and the undersigned, during which an assignment from Mr. Selby to Dr. Hall was discussed, Dr. Hall indicated that in consideration of Mr. Selby, who previously indicated to the undersigned that he would like to drop from prosecution and assign to Dr. Hall, both gentlemen would retain an interest in the invention. No deceptive intent was present. Any confusion caused is regretted.

This paper is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully,

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